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DATE: September 12, 1964

SUBJECT: Sino-Afghan Border Demarcated

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The Kabul Times reported September 7, 1964 that the Afghan Boundary Commission, which had gone to the Pamirs on June 26 (the Times reported July 26 erroneously) to map and demarcate the Sino-Afghan boundary, had returned to Kabul September 6 after completing its work. The members of the Commission included officials of the Institute of Cartography, and Ministries of Defense, Foreign Affairs and Interior.

The Commission met Chinese representatives at Southern Wakhjir on border on July 15 (not August 15 as the Times reported). Mapping of the boundary line extended over a length of 90 kilometers and to a breadth of 10 kilometers at a scale of 1:50,000. Pillars were set up along the border.

Amir AHMAD, President of the Institute of Cartography and Deputy Leader of the Commission, was reported as saying that the parties on both sides had worked together with diligence and that the task was completed to the satisfaction of both sides. The spirit of friendly co-operation continued throughout the work period, and the friendly atmosphere prevailing reflected the good-neighborly ties and mutual respect existing between the two countries.

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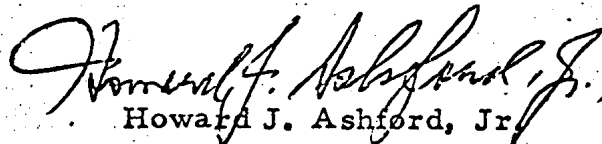
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Comment: Completion of the work is a credit to the teams, for it had been feared that the Commission could not complete its work this summer. The impending visit of the King of Afghanistan to Communist China, reportedly scheduled for early or mid-October, may have been an additional inducement to complete the work this year.

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